



Hart County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday December 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Emergency Services and Administration Building

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - 11/26/2023 Regular Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
Bill Leard, Chairman IBA Board, Terri Partain, IBA Director
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
November Financial Report
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Cancellation of 2nd BOC December (12/24/2024) Meeting
 - b) Transfer Station Christmas Holiday Hours
 - c) Bid Opening Tennis / Pickleball Lighting
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) IBA Request for SPLOST Funds for Lavonia Sewer Project (Gateway Ind. Parks)
 - b) Board Appointments Tax Assessors Board (1)
 - c) Board Appointment Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D (1)
 - d) Board Appointments Joint Development Authority (2)
 - e) Board Appointment Board of Health
 - f) Beer and Wine License Class A: (Restaurants / Private Clubs on premises) Renewal for James R McCurley DBA, Hartwell Golf Club Inc, Charles A Findley DBA El Parian Mexican Parilla & Bar LLC, John Thomas Eagan DBA Hartwell VFW Post 8076 Inc., John Robinson/DBA TT Hartwell LC d/b/a, Tilly's Tiki Bar & Grill. New for Gem 5 Hospitality LLC DBA The Beacon Bed and Breakfast
 - g) Beer and Wine License Class B: (Convenience Stores off premises) Renewal for Subrin Mostofa /DBA 29 Royal Food, Talat Solaiman /DBA Royal Food Mart #8742, Khurram Balagam /DBA Vanna Country Store, Jarnail Singh /DBA 17 Liberty Hill Church Road Chevron, Raheel Nicholas Lakhani /DBA Mini Mart, Malik Babwani /DBA Diamond Jubilee Royal Food & Tobacco, Hirenkumar Patel /DBA Dewy Rose Mart Inc., Zanir Keshawani /DBA SNS National LLC Sip N Smoke.

- h) Distilled Spirits License: (Restaurants) renewal for Charles A Findley – El Parian Mexican Parilla & Bar LLC, John Robinson/DBA TT Hartwell LLC d/b/a Tilly's Tiki
- i) Credit for experience Tax Assessors Office
- j) Request to Lease / Purchase Excavator Road Department

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Personnel-Real Estate

16. ADJOURNMENT

Hart County Board of Commissioners
December 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Hart County Board of Commissioners met December 10, 2024 at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Marshall Sayer presided with Commissioners Michael Bennett, Frankie Teasley, Jeff Brown, and Joey Dorsey in attendance.

1. Prayer

Commissioner Dorsey offered prayer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

3. Call to Order

Chairman Sayer called the meeting to order.

4. Welcome

Chairman Sayer welcomed those in attendance either in person, HTC, or the BOC YouTube channel.

Chairman Sayer and the BOC members recognized County Clerk Lawana Kahn for her long-term commitment to Hart County and presented her a plaque upon her retirement.

Chairman Sayer and the BOC members recognized Sheriff Mike Cleveland & Tommy Whitmire for their years of service and presented them with a plaque upon their retirement.

Chairman Sayer and the BOC members recognized former IBA Director Dwayne Dye for his years of service and presented him with a plaque upon his retirement.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Teasley moved to amend and approve the agenda to include Real Estate in Executive Session. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 11/26/2024 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the November 26, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

Bill Leard, Chairman IBA Board, Terri Partain, IBA Director

Bill Leard, Chairman IBA Board commended Dwayne Dye for his accomplishments during his tenure recruiting industries to Hart County. He introduced Terri Partain, IBA Director and turned the floor over to her to speak.

IBA Director Partain presented an update on workforce development; potential projects and goal to focus on industry retention.

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

Attorney Higginbotham announced that the incoming Judge Nesmith is unable to recruit a court reporter due to medical insurance coverage available. She is currently working with the remaining counties in the Northern Judicial Circuit to consider funding a stipend to Court Reporter to recruit someone. A consensus of the Board of Commissioners is to offer a cap of \$400 a month to purchase medical insurance coverage.

9. County Administrator's Report November Financial Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain presented the General Fund Financial Report for the month of November.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Sayer reported the county does not have a road maintenance agreement with the City of Canon as reported in the newspaper.

Chairman Sayer announced a retirement party will be held for Sheriff Cleveland & Chief Deputy Whitmire at Sardis Family Life Center December 14, 2024 from noon to 2:00 p.m.; thanked everyone involved with the Christmas Parade and Mike Floyd for pulling the float for the BOC members; wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Bennett thanked everyone involved with the Christmas Parade; Mike Floyd; county employees; wished everyone Merry Christmas/Happy New Year.

Commissioner Brown wished everyone a Merry Christmas/Happy New Year, thanked Lawana Kahn, Tommy Whitmire, Sheriff Cleveland, and Dwayne Dye for their years of service to the county.

Commissioner Dorsey thanked Mike Floyd, wished everyone Merry Christmas/Happy New Year; offered condolences to Dave Stafford's family; and reminded the BOC members the Fire Fighter's Dinner is December 14.

12. Old Business

a) Cancellation of 2nd BOC December (12/24/2024) Meeting

Commissioner Dorsey moved to cancel the December 24, 2024 BOC meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

b) Transfer Station Christmas Holiday Hours

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the holiday schedule for the Transfer Station closing at noon December 23-25 and advertise on the local radio station the closure. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

c) Bid Opening Tennis/Pickleball Lighting

Commissioner Dorsey moved to extend the bid thirty days due to receiving one bid. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

13. New Business

- a) IBA Request for SPLOST Funds for Lavonia Sewer Project (Gateway Ind. Parks)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve additional SPLOST funds of \$400,000.00 for the sewer project for Gateway Industrial Parks. Chairman Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

- b) Board Appointments Tax Assessors Board (1)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to re-appoint Kayla Segars to serve on the Tax Assessor Board. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0 (term expires 12/31/2027).

- c) Board Appointment Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D (1)

Commissioner Brown moved to re-appoint Bill Chafin to serve on the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Board. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0 (term expires 12/31/2025).

- d) Board Appointments Joint Development Authority (2)

Commissioner Dorsey moved to re-appoint Bill Leard and Jessica Seawright to serve on the Joint Development Authority. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 5-0 (term expires 12/31/2028).

- e) Board Appointment Board of Health

Commissioner Dorsey moved to re-appoint Dr. Anthony Lau to serve on the Board of Health. Commissioner Brown provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

- f) Beer and Wine License Class A: (Restaurants/Private Clubs on premises) Renewal for James R McCurley DBA, Hartwell Golf Club Inc; Charles A Findley DBA El Parian Mexican Parilla & Bar LLC; John Thomas Eagan DBA Hartwell VFW Post 8076 Inc.; John Robinson/DGA TT Hartwell LC d/b/a, Tilly's Tiki Bar & Grill; New Gem 5 Hospitality LLC DBA The Beacon Bed and Breakfast

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the renewals as listed above and the new application for Gem 5 Hospitality LLC for 2025. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

- g) Beer and Wine License Class B: (Convenience Stores off premises) Renewal for Subrin Mostofa/DBA 29 Royal Food, Talat Solaiman/DBA Royal Food Mart #8742, Khurram Balagam/DBA Vanna Country Store, Jarnail Sigh/DBA 17 Liberty Hill Church Road Chevron, Raheel Nicholas Lakhani/DBA Mini Mart, Malik Babwani/DBA Diamond Jubilee Royal Food & Tobacco, Hirenkumar Patel/DBA Rose Mart Inc., Zanir Keshawani/DBA SNS National LLC Sip N Smoke

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the renewals as listed above for 2025. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

- h) Distilled Spirits License: (Restaurants) renewal for Charles A Findley – El Parian Mexican Parilla & Bar LLC, John Robinson/DBA TT Hartwell LLC d/b/a Tilly's Tiki

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the renewals as listed above for 2025. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

i) Credit for experience Tax Assessors Office

Commissioner Brown moved to grant 10 years of credit for experience for re-hire Brad Goss. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

j) Request to Lease/Purchase Excavator Road Department

No action was taken.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Executive Session – Litigation-Personnel-Real Estate

Commissioner Dorsey moved to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel, and real estate matters. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to exit Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting session. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the Sheriff's Department pay grade as amended. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Teasley moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bennett provided a second to the motion. The motion was 5-0.

Marshall Sayer, Chairman

Lawana Kahn, County Clerk